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SUBJECT: LEFTIST OPPOSITION TO CROWN PRINCE'S VISIT TO
OPEN EXPO.
SUMMARY: THE SOCIALISTS AND RADICALS ARE MOUNTING A CAMPAIGN
AGAINST THE CROWN PRINCE'S VISIT TO OPEN THE INTERNATIONAL OCEAN

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EXPOSITION JULY 19. SO FAR MASS SYMPATHY WITH THIS APPEARS THIN.
THE POLICE ARE JUMPY, HOWEVER, AND WILL BE TAKING MASSIVE
PRECAUTIONS. DEFACEMENT OF WAR DEAD MONUMENTS WITH SLOGANS
AGAINST THE CROWN PRINCE HAS SHOCKED JAPANESE FEELINGS, AND AT THE
SAME TIME REINFORCES POLICE CONCERN ABOUT TERRORISM. THE PERIOD
SURROUNDING OPENING DAY WILL BE TENSE HERE. AMERICAN MILITARY
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COMMANDERS SHOULD BE SPECIALLY CAREFUL TO GUARD AGAINST

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TERRORISM AND EXERT STRICT CONTROL OVER THEIR OWN PERSONNEL. END
SUMMARY.
1. ON THIS ISLAND WHERE LEFTISTS GRAB ANY CHANCE FOR AN
OPPOSITION MOVEMENT, CONTROVERSY IS BEING RAISED OVER THE VISIT
OF THE CROWN PRINCE TO THE OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL
OCEAN EXPOSITION. THE MAIN IMPULSE SO FAR COMES FROM TWO
SEPARATE ELEMENTS, THE SOCIALIST PARTY WITH ITS AFFILIATES AND THE
FAR LEFT STUDENT RADICALS. FOR THE SOCIALISTS AND THE KENROKYO
LABOR FEDERATION THIS IS A LOGICAL OUTGROWTH OF CONTINUING COMPLAINTS
ABOUT EXPO AS A PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF INFLATION AND OTHER "DEMERITS."
ALTHOUGH GRIPING LOUDLY, THEY SO FAR HAVE DONE LITTLE IN PRACTICE
TO INTERFERE WITH EXPO CONSTRUCTION, IN PRIVATE REALIZING ITS

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ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE FOR OKINAWA.
2. FOR THE STUDENT RADICALS THE MAIN THEME IN THE MOVEMENT
AGAINST AKIHITO'S VISIT IS APPARENTLY JAPAN'S WAR GUILT AND THE
IMPERIAL CONNECTION. THE COMMUNISTS, WHO PREFER TO CONCENTRATE
ON ANTI-AMERICAN EFFORS, HAVE BEEN UNUSUALLY QUIET.
3. ON JUNE 19 THE SOCIALIST ANTI-H BOMB ORGAINZATION RALLIED
TO PROTEST THE PRINCE'S VISIT. WHILE THE NUMBERS PRESENT WERE
UNIMPRESSIVE, THE TWO OKINAWAN NEWSPAPERS GAVE MAJOR COVERAGE
UNDER SUCH HEADLINES " ANGER AT THE SENDING OF THE CROWN PRINCE;"
"THERE IS HIDDEN POLITICAL INTENT;" "FOR WHOSE SAKE IS THE EXPO
ANYWAY?"
4. FOR JAPANESE SENSIBILITIES A MORE SHOCKING OCCURRENCE
TOOK PLACE THE NIGHT OF JUNE 18. SOMEONE - OBVIOUSLY YOUNG RADICALS -
SMEARED RED PAINT SLOGANS DENOUNCING THE PRINCE AND JAPANESE
WAR CULPABILITY OVER SOME THIRTY-ONE OF THE MARBLE CENOTAPHS
ERECTED AT SUICIDE CLIFF BY THE VARIOUS PREFECTURES OF JAPAN FOR
THE MEN WHO DIED THERE DURING THE BATTLE. AS THE PAINT HAS SOAKED
IN, MOST OF THE EMEORIAL STONES CANNOT BE CLEANED AND MUST BE
REPLACED AT HEAVY COST. THE VICE GOVERNOR TOLD ME TODAY THE

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GOVERNOR YARA WAS REDUCED TO TEARS WHEN HE HEARD ABOUT THE
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OUTRAGE, THE HUMILIATION BEING GROUND IN BY THE COINCIDENCE OF A
VISIT TO THE MEMORIAL SITE BY THE GOVERNOR OF HYOGO PREFECTURE
WHO WAS BITTER OVER THE VANDALIZATION OF HIS PREFECTURE'S HANDSOME
MONUMENT.
5. THE POLICE INFORM US THAT THEY ARE TAKING MAXIMUM
SECURITY MEASURES FOR THE OPENING OF EXPO, INCLUDING THE
DISPATCH OF TWO THOUSAND EXTRA POLICE FROM THE MAINLAND DOWN
HERE. WHILE SIGNIFICANT MASS POLITICAL EFFORT TO PREVENT THE VISIT

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IS NOT EXPECTED THUS FAR, THE POLICE ARE UNDERSTANDABLY JUMPY ABOUT RADICAL TERRORISM. BEHIND THE COLORFUL CEREMONIES AND DECORATIONS ON THE ISLAND WILL BE MASSIVE POLICE SURVEILLANCE AND STRICT CONTROLS.

6. COMMENT: WHILE THE EXPO WILL OPEN AS SCHEDULED IN GOOD STEAD, THE PERIOD JUST BEFORE AND AROUND THE OPENING DAY CEREMONIES ON JULY 19 WILL BE UNUSUALLY TENSE FOR THIS ISLAND. WITH GOOD COOPERATION FROM THE PREFECTURAL AUTHORITIES, THE POLICE WILL BE EXTREMELY THOROUGH IN THEIR SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. OUR MILITARY COMMANDS ON OKINAWA, HOWEVER, SHOULD BE ESPECIALLY CAREFUL WITH REGARD TO SECURITY AND TERRORISM AND SHOULD KEEP CLOSE REIN ON THEIR OWN

PERSONNEL. FOR THAT WEEK OR SO WE WILL EXPECIALLY WANT TO AVOID INCIDENTS AND ALSO MINIMIZE OUR CONSPICUOUSNESS SO THAT LEFTIST ATTENTION - OR POSSIBLE VIOLENCE - DOES NOT SWITCH OVER TO US.

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